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Candidate Petition Packets Available for March 15, 2016 General Primary Election

Waukegan, Illinois - Lake County Clerk Carla N. Wyckoff announced that established political party Lake County candidates wishing to appear on the March 2016 General Primary Election ballot may download courtesy petition packets from the Clerk's website (<u>LakeCandidatePower.info</u>) or visit the Clerk's office for paper copies until November 30, 2015. Circulation period begins Monday, Sept. 1 and ends Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.

Lake County offices to be nominated in the primary include Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Recorder, State's Attorney, County Board Members Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21, and North Shore Water Reclamation Districts 1, 2, and 4. Precinct Committeemen for the two major political parties and City of Lake Forest Aldermen will be elected at the General Primary Election.

Petitions may be filed in-person by the candidate, a candidate representative, or by mail beginning Monday, Nov. 23 through Monday, Nov. 30 with the Lake County Clerk during normal office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The City of Lake Forest will distribute petition packets and accept filings for city aldermen candidates.

Note: the Clerk's office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27 for the observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to consult their own legal advisors on questions related to qualifications for office, preparation of petition papers, circulation requirements, or signature requirements. Once the petition papers are officially filed they cannot be changed or amended. The County Clerk and staff are not able to provide legal opinions.

The 2016 Candidate's Guide and 2016 Election and Campaign Disclosure Calendar are available online at Illinois State Board of Elections website (http://elections.il.gov).

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